

IDNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program

Coastal Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday December 18, 2013 – 10:00 AM CT

Porter County - Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN

Attendees:

Voting: Ray Joseph (Porter Co. Parks), Christine Livingstone (IDT), Dan Plath (NiSource), Bob Daum (NPS –IDNR), Christopher Meyers (Lake County), Kris Krouse (SHLT), Tiffany Tolbert (Indiana Landmarks), Kathy Sipple (Citizen at Large), Nicole Barker (Save the Dunes), Geof Benson (Beverly Shores),

Non-Voting: Kathy Luther (NIRPC), Young Choi (Purdue Calumet), Leslie Dorworth (IISG), Elizabeth McCloskey (USFWS), Ashley Snyder (IDEM),

Non-Board Members: Richard Morrisroe (City of East Chicago), Joe Exl (NIRPC), Sarah Geinoski (NIRPC), John Buechler (IUPUI – Polis Center), Matt Riggs (The Polis Center), Dan Davis (39 Degrees North),

LMCP Staff: Mike Molnar, Maggie Byrne, Breana Sowers, Dorreen Carey, Sergio Mendoza, Derek Nimetz

- Welcome and Introductions – Elizabeth McCloskey leads the Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions begin around the room with Mike Molnar.
- Old Business – No new meeting minutes to approve, therefore no old business will be discussed.
- New Business
 - **Program Year in Review**

Program Admin / CELCP / 6217 – M. Molnar: (Presentation available on website). Discussed what the 'Year in Review' was to cover, the order of speakers and gave a general overview of the LMCP funding baselines. Discussion Points: % of money lost over the years, Federal Consistency and review, CAB involvement in said review, the Moon Valley Acquisition, Underwater Archaeology projects – Muskegon wreck, online training for

recreational divers, contracts with CCRG and DHPA. Upcoming or Future: CAM events, trainings and workshops to be held by LMCP.

Non-Point Program – M. Molnar (substituting for Dorreen Carey): 6217, the “unfunded Federal Mandate” – This area of our program has been focusing on the following for the 2013 year: Septic Work Group, onsite disposal systems, funding for urban waters, the IDEM 319 program, Clean Marina Programs, programmatic reviews for remaining measures. Visit Dorreen’s Rain Garden!

TAPP – S. Mendoza: (Presentation available on website), Covered the areas where LMCP has current and future projects, including Shoreline Modeling, Indiana Landmarks, City of Hobart – public access, Recreational Trail opportunity with stabilization, county of LaPorte, City of Gary, Redevelopment of North Harbor Community, City of Michigan City and Green Alley Project

Grants – M. Byrne: (Presentation available on website), Compared statistical figures from last year including: list of participants at workshops have increased, webinars at the dunes state park, numbers of proposals and grant requests coming in and money given in comparison of last year (see presentation on website). Additionally, Maggie provided an explanation about the funding cycles and the use of all unallocated funds. Reminders: no money left over for small grants and CAM grants, the database will be rolling out this year and full proposal deadline.

Resource Management – D. Nimetz: (Presentation on Website):
This is Derek’s 2nd year as the ecologist, spent a lot of work in the field and focused on outreach, plant management, site inspections, technical assistance, DNP Trail days for outreach, hikes, plant highlights, diversity and the removal of glossy buckthorn in Hoosier Prairie 25. Derek promotes native plants with community workshops. Recently, Kayakers point out invasive kudzu – found 2 populations of kudzu in NW Indiana. Moon valley – the moonscape, he notes which types of plants that are found in moon valley, why conservation is important and what type of management plan would be most successful.

Guest Presentation - Matt Riggs from the IUPUI Polis center, Dan Davis from 39degrees north, update on the GIS project: – **39 Degrees North and Polis Center: (Presentation available on website):** Created GIS database of highlighted shoreline, natural and man-made features, briefly discusses GIS and how it works, organizing spatial information, layers, etc. used

statewide photography and digitized the land/water contact, expanded 100 feet . 3 steps: process description – data needs, identify what needs to be collected, where can we obtain the data including 15 categories/62 data points. Additional Data can be added from outside sources into the layers. 39 degrees is currently testing for the best delivery product.

Committee Reports – No Committee Reports

Announcements:

Sergio Mendoza– New Intern, Margaret Palicka, working with Sergio on policy items.

Mike Molnar– Outreach: No funding this year for CAM. Artistic work has begun on Rivers, the next Coastal Awareness Poster.

Kristopher Krouse - NOAA approved the appraisal for Moon Valley - Waiting to hear from the seller about the acquisition. Re-committed Long Beach to the project; also instilling a management plan.

Green drinks tomorrow night at Shoreline Brewery 7pm Brad is presenting for the JD Marshall.

NIRPC acquired \$ for a watershed management plan January 21st 1pm at the Hobart Community Center, to find out what people's concerns may be

Nicole –Mia Goulding is no longer on staff, other job items may be added to the job description.

- Next Meeting - **February 19, 2014 - Informational Meeting** - 10:00 AM CT
LaPorte County – City of Michigan City, Emergency Management Conference Room
100 East Michigan Boulevard; Michigan City, Indiana 46360